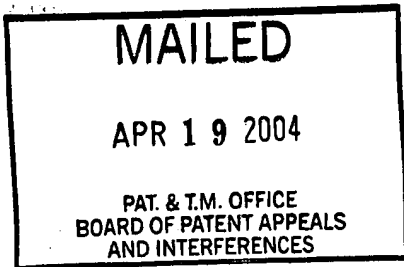


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte SAMUEL F. LIPRIE

Application No. 09/681,303

ORDER RETURNING TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on April 5, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

According to page 3 of the Examiner's Answer mailed December 19, 2003 (Paper No. 19), "[t]he copy of the appealed claims contained in the Appendix to the brief is correct." However, it is noted that the language of claims 13 and 14 in the Appendix differs from their last amended version.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the  
examiner:

1. for issuance of a supplemental Examiner's Answer  
which contains a correct copy of claims 13 and 14, or for  
notification to appellant to submit a new Appendix to the Appeal  
Brief which contains the corrected claims; and

2. for such further action as may be appropriate.

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